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COMMENTS

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1. QUAI CHIEF EE AFFAIRS DE CALBIAC (PROTECT THROUGH-
OUT) ADDS FOLLOWING NUANCES TO IMPRESSIONS REPORTED REF-
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2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE BACKING AND FILLING BETWEEN
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ELYSEE AND QUAI DECISION WAS REACHED THAT NOT EVEN MRS.

GISCARD D'ESTAING WOULD ACCOMPANY GISCARD TO ALMAROVO WHERE GIERECK HAS COUNTRY RESIDENCE. FRENCH AND POLISH PRESS IS TO BE EXCLUDED BY AGREEMENT, AND, AS FAR AS QUAI KNOWS TODAY, NOT EVEN FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN WARSAW HAS BEEN INVITED TO SHOW UP.

3. ON OTHER HAND, AS INDICATED REFTTEL, PURELY PRIVATE CHARACTER OF VISIT HAS BEEN FURTHER COMPROMISED BY FACT THAT CHAIRMAN OF POLAND'S STATE COUNCIL JABLONSKI AND PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWICZ HAVE BEEN INVITED TO DINNER WITH GISCARD AND GIERECK FOR "ENLARGED DISCUSSION." OUR SOURCE SAYS ELYSEE HAS BEEN BOMBARDING QUAI TO LAST MINUTE WITH REQUESTS FURTHER BRIEFING PAPERS, THE MOST RECENT FOR POSITION PAPER ON BREZHNEV THREE CONFERENCES PROPOSAL ON TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. HOWEVER, QUAI STILL WILL NOT VENTURE EVEN OFF-THE-RECORD GUESS ON WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH ELYSEE SPOKESMAN HAS BEEN MAKING STATEMENTS THAT "EUROPEAN DETENTE" WILL BE AT CENTER OF DISCUSSION. QUAI COMMENT: "HE TOO REALLY DOESN'T KNOW."

4. QUAI HAS ALSO BEEN OBLIGED TO WORK ON "COMMUNIQUE" FOR VISIT, AFTER LOSING ARGUMENT WITH ELYSEE THAT OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR SUCH A "PRIVATE" WEEKEND. ONCE DRAFTED GOF VERSION WAS SHORT AND ANTI-SEPTIC. POLES, ON OTHER HAND, PRODUCED WHAT OUR COLLEAGUE DESCRIBED AS "HEAVY TWO-PAGER" WHICH QUAI HAS NOW WHITTLED DOWN. AMONG FIRST ITEMS TO GO WAS POINTED REFERENCE TO "MILITARY DETENTE." QUAI PRIVATELY STILL THINKS COMMUNIQUE MUCH LENGTHIER THAN OCCASION S CALLS FOR BUT THINKS IT WILL DO NO HARM IN PRESENT FORM.

5. ADDING TO LOCAL DISCOMFORT OVER TRIP IS INTERNAL DEBATE OVER DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS POLISH INTERNAL SITUATION. WE GATHER THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO POLAND FEW DAYS AGO SENT WRAP-UP TELEGRAM TO GISCARD IN PREPARATION FOR VISIT IN WHICH HE TOOK QUITE PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF PROSPECTS FOR POLAND'S INTERNAL POLITICAL STABILITY AND SAID THAT GISCARD'S INTERLOCUTORS IN ALMAROVO MAY NOT ALL BE IN POWER BY THE TIME HE ARRIVES OR FOR LONG PERIOD

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THEREAFTER. QUAI THINKS THIS APPRAISAL SOMEWHAT TOO ALARMIST BUT SHARES VIEW THAT GIERECK REGIME UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE, THAT USSR NOT HELPING THINGS AND THAT MOST PROBABLY JAROSCEWICZ WOULD SOON BE OFFERED UP AS SACRIFICIAL LAMB TO RESTLESS POLISH PUBLIC. BE THAT AS IT MAY, GIERECK'S REPORTEDLY INCREASING PROBLEMS HAVE ADDED TO FEELING IN FRENCH BUREAUCRACY THAT GISCARD'S SOLO WEEKEND IN POLAND IS A RISKY CAPER.

6. AS FOR RESULTS, DE CALBIAC THOUGHT THAT "PERHAPS
THEY WILL BEGIN TO DRIBBLE DOWN IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS."
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